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GIVE A WHOOP! WORKSHOP MARCH 14

Join the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for a day of fun and learning at the Calcasieu Parish LSUAG Center

The workshop date is March 14, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles.

Learn about the Whooping Crane reintroduction program and the crane's amazing journey back from the brink of extinction! This workshop will explain the complexities and challenges of the reintroduction program, demonstrate classroom lesson activities, and allow participants the opportunity to learn about these magnificent creatures! This workshop opportunity is open to both formal and non-formal Louisiana educators. Included with registration: breakfast and lunch, binder filled with GLE-aligned lessons, continuing education credits, replica whooping crane egg, and a life-size whooping crane poster.



Juvenile whooping cranes in protective pen.

Contact Carrie Salyers at csalyers@wlf.la.gov for more information. Find the registration form at http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/doc/document/38912-registration-form/lsuag_center_registration_form.doc and the flyer at http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/document/38913-flyer/wc_workshopmarch_14.pdf.

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM

The Louisiana Environmental Education State Symposium is a two-day professional development event hosted each year by the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and our partner the Louisiana Environmental Education Association. Day one of the conference consists of day-long short courses packed with information, lesson plans or tours of environmentally important areas of the host city. Day two features hour-long concurrent sessions geared to grade level and presented by environmental educators from around Louisiana and neighboring states. The upcoming event will be held at the Baton Rouge Marriott on February 27 and 28, 2015.

Registration is now open for the 2015 Louisiana Environmental Education State Symposium, to be held February 27-28, 2015 at the Baton Rouge Marriott. The registration form can be found at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/symposium-registration>.

Regular Registration (After Feb. 5) \$50
Pre-Service Teacher \$25
Optional Short Course \$10

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CRCL SOON TO COMPLETE 5,000 TREES FOR COASTAL FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT IN ST. BERNARD

Since October of 2014, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana volunteers have planted nearly 5,000 trees in the St. Bernard region. Only two more volunteer based restoration projects remain until the group successfully completes their initiative.

Click the links below to register and learn more about CRCL tree planting events.

[Thursday, February 19](#)

[Friday, February 20](#)

[Saturday, February 21](#)

[Thursday, March 12](#)

[Friday, March 13](#)

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT BEGINS TODAY, FEBRUARY 13

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a fun, free, family-friendly activity to engage experienced birders in citizen science, and the perfect opportunity to introduce new people to bird watching. Participating in the count is as simple as counting birds for as little as 15 minutes on one or more days of the count then reporting the results online at BirdCount.org.

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LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN FOUNDATION TO HOST TOAST OUR COAST EVENT MARCH 6

The LPBF is hosting a spring fundraising event. Dress up, bring your friends. Join LBFF at Lakeside Country Club. (off Live Oak St. in Bucktown). The event features a silent and live auction, food, drinks and music by Bobby Cure & the Poppa Stoppa's. Call 836-2205 for tickets.

CELEBRATE ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY ON MAY 15, 2015

Zoos, aquariums, botanic gardens, wildlife refuges, conservation groups, national parks, museums, and schools throughout the country will hold tours, open houses, special presentations, exhibits, milkweed plantings/ butterfly garden installations, habitat clean-ups/other restoration events, children's activities and more on May 15, that weekend and throughout May.

Find out more at <http://www.endangered.org/>

NOAA CLIMATE STEWARDS EDUCATION PROJECT

The NOAA Climate Stewards Education Project provides formal and non-formal educators sustained professional development, collaborative online tools, and the support to build a climate-literate public engaged in climate stewardship. Climate Stewards educate themselves and others as they work with their students and communities to reduce their carbon footprints and "go green."

If you are interested in professional development opportunities in climate science and doing a stewardship project, contact Bruce.Moravchik@noaa.gov, subject line: "Join CSEP Education Community" to be put on the educator email list for announcements about resources, webinars and book club announcements.

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